Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether by accepting the recommendation of the Diwan Peishkar persons who were entitled for promotion under the rules were also promoted?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I cannot say off-hand.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether this was not an attempt to get indirectly exemptions for these two individuals?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I do not think so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were there not in the department persons who had passed the Account Test in the first class?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Those who possess the minimum qualifications are required to be promoted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is not the justification of the Government that I want to know. I want to know whether there was any first class Account Test man available for promotion.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Who was the Diwan Peishkar who made the recommendation?

Mr U. Kandar Menon.—Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are these two gentlemen Brahmins?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is evident from the answer.

Sree Rudra Vilasam Secondary School.

456. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—(a) referring to answer (1) to question No. 74 of the Legislative Session (Vrischigam) of 1108 whether the Edavam bill has been subsequently received;

(b) if so, when; when was it sanctioned?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No expenditure for feeding charges was incurred during the month, and hence there was no necessity for any bill.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are these monthly bills generally paid before the close of the next month?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, it is generally done.

Scheme for a Canal.

457. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state regarding the answer to question No. 261 (2) of the 2nd meeting of the Legislative Session of 1108

(a) what was the amount of acreage proposed to be served by the canal;

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(b) what was the estimated amount for the scheme of a canal of a reduced section proposed by the Special Assistant Engineer;

(c) has the amount budgetted for the work been transferred to any other work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 4,826 acres inclusive of 457·16 acres of single crop and 748·29 acres of double crop lands.

(b) No estimate has yet been prepared and so no answer is possible.

(c) Yes.

Mr A. Eachara Menon.—Was not this amount budgetted for after due consideration of the work to be done?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, at the time of preparing the budget.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Why was this amount transferred to other purposes?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question of the productive capacity of the work was then discussed and the economic depression necessitated that we shall not be able to charge an enhanced rate in the present condition and fall in the price of raddy on all these lands which will be benefited by the present work. Therefore the work was put of for better times.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is it the policy of the Government that they will spend money on productive works only hereafter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Expenditure on Nelliampathy Ghat road.

458. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) what was the amount spent on the Nelliampathy Ghat road;

(b) what income does this road bring to the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 4,11,553—10—11.

(b) As there is no separate toll for the Ghat road, it is not possible to ascertain the income from this road separately.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Has there been any increase in the collection of tolls after the allotment was made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Did the Government get anything by way of remuneration?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is too early to say. Lands have not yet been sold. We must wait till the lands are sold.

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